

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A changeover valve for an automatic transmission of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a control plate,

at least two valve seats, and

at least one closing means which is arranged in the control plate, which, in order to control a flow, can be guided into the least two valve seats, and which is arranged in a control duct ~~that is open exclusively~~ having a first end opening toward a planar connection side of the control plate and a second end opening exclusively into a transverse duct in the control plate that interconnects said control duct and a further duct in said control plate that is substantially parallel to said control duct,

wherein in an operating configuration, in a switched-off state, the closing means adopts a defined initial control position within said control duct, and

wherein the closing means serves to control the flow in at least three ducts which adjoin the planar connection side of the control plate.

13. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 12, wherein the defined initial position, considered in the operating configuration, lies below a second control position of the closing means, and wherein, in the

switched-off state, the closing means is held at least partially in the defined initial control position under the force of gravity.

14. (Currently amended) The changeover valve according to claim 13, ~~wherein, in the operating configuration,~~ wherein the control duct has at least one angle to the horizontal at its first end, and wherein, in its defined initial control position, the closing means bears against a lower valve seat in the control duct.

15. (Currently amended) The changeover valve according to claim 14, wherein, in the ~~operating configuration, in the~~ second control position, the closing means bears against an upper valve seat, ~~in the control duct.~~

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The changeover valve according to ~~claim 16~~ claim 12, wherein the transverse duct is formed by a bore.

18. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 16, wherein the transverse duct is outwardly sealed off by a metal closing plate.

19. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 12, wherein the defined initial control position corresponds to a rebound position.

20. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 12, wherein the closing means is formed by a valve ball.

21. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the valve seats is integrally formed on the control plate.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) The changeover valve according to ~~claim 22~~ claim 13, wherein the transverse duct is formed by a bore.

24. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 17, wherein the transverse duct is outwardly sealed off by a metal closing plate.

25. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 13, wherein the defined initial control position corresponds to a rebound position.

26. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 14, wherein the defined initial control position corresponds to a rebound position.

27. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 15, wherein the defined initial control position corresponds to a rebound position.

28. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 13, wherein the closing means is formed by a valve ball.

29. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 13, wherein at least one of the valve seats is integrally formed on the control plate.

30. (Previously presented) The changeover valve according to claim 14, wherein at least one of the valve seats is integrally formed on the control plate.

31. (Previously presented) A transmission control unit having at least one changeover valve as claimed in claim 12.